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10.25 a.m. to 3.35  
p.m. 12/9/40.

323 Brennan Road,  
Scene of offence.  
Hart-Changping Road.  
C.I.D. Office.

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With a road about 70 yards south of No. 508

10 p.m. 2/9/40.

10.20 a.m. 12/9/40.

Shing Lee, Zong *金年仁*, Vice Consul, Station,  
208 Brennan Road.

Witnesses (all arrested)

- (1) Age about 30, Kampo dialect, Height 5' 7", oblong face, medium build, wearing a black hat and a tweed jacket in rain coat.
- (2) Age about 25 or 24, ht. 5' 6", white oblong face, small thin build, wearing a white straw hat.
- (3) Age about 23 or 24, strong build, oblong face, dark hair, ht. 5' 5", small and thin, small yellow face, armed with a pistol.
- (4) Age about 22 or 23, ht. 5' 5", small and thin, small yellow face, armed with a pistol.
- (5) Age about 22 or 23, ht. 5' 5", black round face, armed with a pistol.

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Do not apply.

Stopped complainant whilst he was walking along the road, and took him away in a Johnson Five car, which they had previously commandeered.

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At 10.20 a.m. 2-9-40, a telephone message was received from the Sung Foong (仁豐) Rice Shop, 323 Brennan Road, reporting that the proprietor Ching Ping Zung (金平), 44, Shanghai, had been kidnapped.

Enquiries made by D.S. Weeks, D.S.I. Chu, C.D.S. 298 and C.D.C. 323 revealed that, at 9 a.m. 2-9-40, Ching Ping Zung left his shop at 323 Brennan Road and proceeded to his main shop at 506 Brennan Road (Chinese Number-).

At about 10 a.m. he left 506 Brennan Road and walked south along Brennan Road Towards Edinburgh Rd. with the intention of proceeding to the Ching Lee Koh (靖達崗) Tea Shop, Foochow Road, where the rice shop masters meet and hold a market. The visit to the main shop and the Tea shop is a daily occurrence and is always done at the same time.

When he had reached a point about 70 yards south of 506 Brennan Road, he was stopped by six male Chinese who were standing beside a stationary Johnson hire car, Lic. No. unknown, and forced into the car, which then drove off towards Edinburgh Road and disappeared.

This was witnessed by one named Chu Tsung Ching (邱順金), food-shop master, 470 Brennan Road, who immediately went to 323 Brennan Road and told the kidnapped man's wife Ching Kyi Sz (金記氏) what he had seen.

When detectives arrived at 506 Brennan Road to continue enquiries, they were informed by one of the shop-assistants, that a male Chinese had just telephoned and told him to inform Ching's wife that he (Ching) was safe in the country. He also said that the wife must not inform the police.

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Inquiries were made in the vicinity but no other person could be located, so would admit having witnessed the kidnapping.

At 11.20 a.m., a message was received from the reserve Unit reporting that at 11.15 a.m. R.U.C. 35 whilst on search party of Chungking road, had found a Johnson car, No. 18432 abandoned on West road near Changping road.

Detective proceeded to the scene and made an examination of the car, finding a Johnson chauffeur's uniform jacket in the front seat.

Inquiries in the neighbourhood failed to locate any person who had seen the car being abandoned.

At 11.40 a.m., a Johnson chauffeur named Yuen Tsz Tsing (袁志成), S.M.C. Permit No. 7223, came to the station and reported that his car No. 18432 had been commandeered by a gang of male Chinese. He stated:-

At 8.45 a.m., a telephone message was received at the sub-station at Kioachow-Yu Yuen roads corner, requesting that a car be sent to Av. Haig near Av. Jeffre.

When he arrived there, the car was met by three male Chinese, who ordered him to drive to the rear of Jossfield Park.

On reaching St. John's University, he was told to stop beside two male Chinese who were standing on the roadway.

He was ordered to alight and taken off his uniform

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Jackpot had handed it over to one of the gang.

One of the original kidnappers then escorted him into the car and kept guard over him, whilst the other four men drove off in the car.

Shortly after 11 a.m. one of the men returned to the lane and told him that he could go and report to his guard service. He was paid the sum of \$15.00 for the fare and also given a \$10.00 note as "cashback". During the whole time, he did not see any of the men carrying arms. In view of the above, it is therefore most probable that this car was the same used in this kidnapping.

The Fingerprint Bureau was informed and attended. This report will be included to the next diary.

Chin Kyi Su was questioned whether her husband had any political affiliations either with the Nanking or Chungking regimes, or whether he had recently received any threatening letters.

She stated that her husband had no outside interests only being concerned with his business. He had been informed her of having received any letters of a threatening nature.

Chin Kyi Su had been informed to immediately report to the Station when she receives any communication from the kidnappers.

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The nearest policemen to the scene were three S.C.G.P. Bureau constables on duty at Branan - Edinburgh roads corner, about 150 yards away. Detectives were informed by Inspt. Woo of the Branan road Sub-Station, that these men had been questioned, and had reported that they did not see the kidnapping.

Detectives are continuing inquiries in an endeavour to secure information regarding this gang and the whereabouts of the kidnapers now.

  
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